

Water Quality Standards

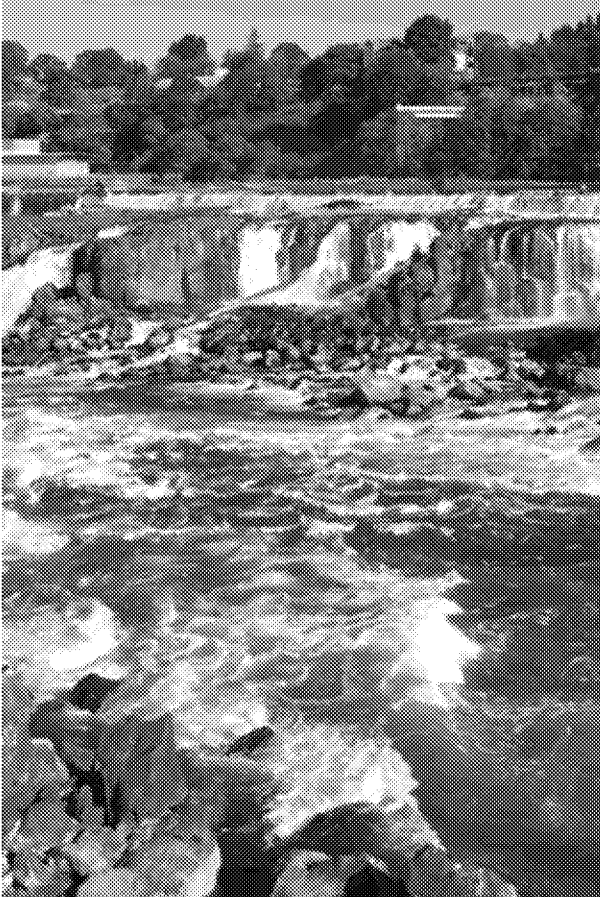


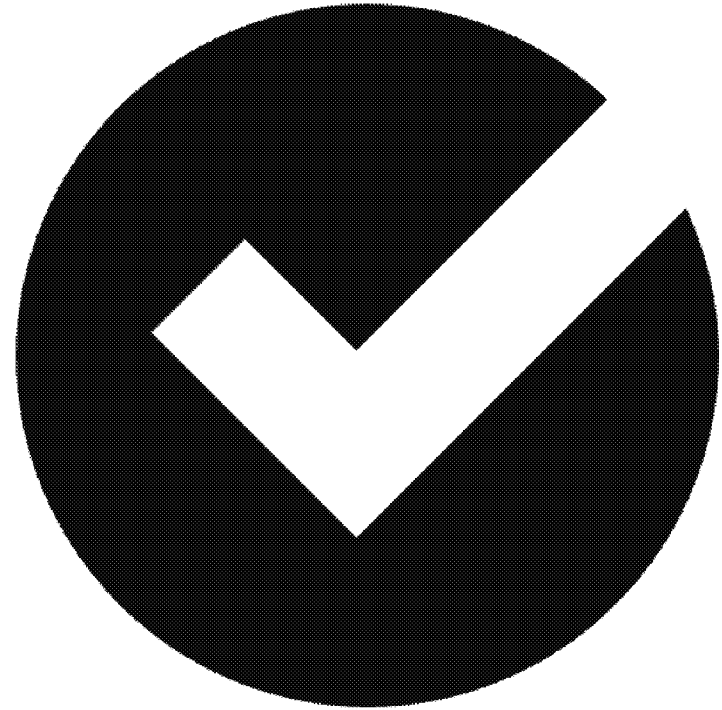
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Willamette Basin Mercury Variance Rulemaking – Objectives and Schedule

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Presentation objectives

- ✓ Goals and objectives of the rulemaking
- ✓ Rulemaking schedule
- ✓ Advisory committee discussion topics



Rulemaking Objectives

Multiple Discharger Variance rule

Streamlined application process

State and federal rule consistency

Variance Rulemaking – Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Advisory Committee	11/1, 11/29, 1/24, 2/19
Public Notice & Comment Period	Apr. – May 2019
Public Hearings	May 2019
EQC Presentation	September 2019
EPA Submittal	September 2019

Multiple Discharger Variance

- ✓ EPA approval
- ✓ Reduce mercury loads
- ✓ Achievable effluent limits



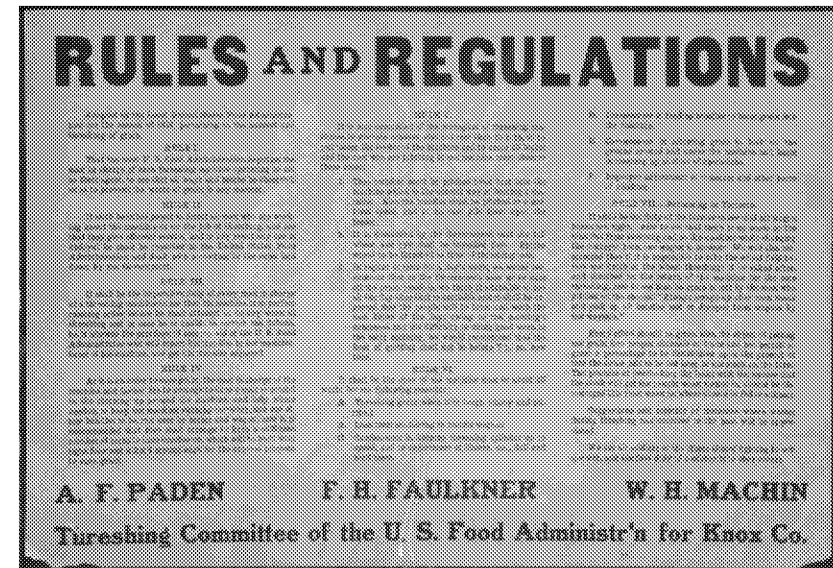
Multiple Discharger Variance Topics

- ✓ Justification
- ✓ Highest Attainable Condition
- ✓ Pollution minimization plans
- ✓ Variance duration & re-evaluation



Consistent federal and state variance rules

- ✓ Duration
- ✓ Allowance for waterbody variance
- ✓ Highest Attainable Condition



Clear application process

- ✓ Clear eligibility requirements
- ✓ Application template
- ✓ Variance requirement template
- ✓ Variance IMD updates?



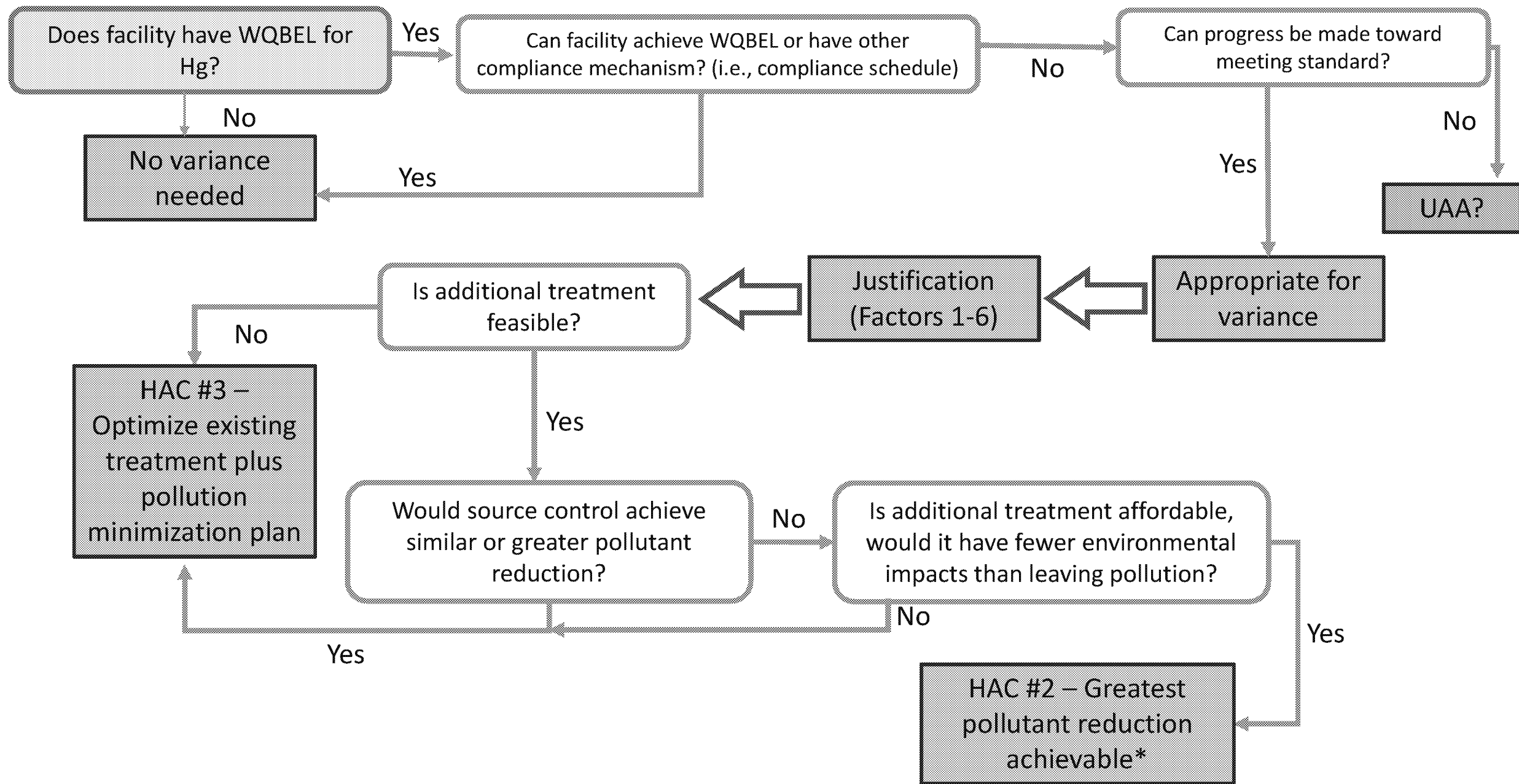
Other topics

- ✓ Issue paper
- ✓ Fiscal impact statement



Questions?





* - may need compliance schedule